

Teaching music is not my main purpose. I want to make good citizens. If children hear fine music and learn to play it, they develop sensitivity, discipline and endurance. They get a beautiful heart.
-Shinichi Suzuki

Dear John Hersey and Lockport Band Parents, Families and Friends,

The John Hersey High School and Lockport High School Bands are thrilled to be performing in **Orchestra Hall at the Chicago Symphony Center on Michigan Avenue, Chicago.** This will occur on **St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 7pm.** Orchestra Hall, built in the early 1900's, is the prestigious concert and recording home of the world re-known Chicago Symphony Orchestra and one of the finest and most beautiful concert halls in the world. We are excited to perform in this world-class performance center and we wish to share this lifetime experience with our extended families and community. There are 1800 seats available and admission is free. Our two band programs hope to fill the seats!

There is an historic bond between the John Hersey and Lockport band programs. Mr. Ernest Caneva began the Lockport Band program in the 1930's and Mr. Donald Caneva (Ernest's son) began the John Hersey band program in 1968. Both of these historic band programs have received national and international acclaim over the years and have also shared concert stages on several occasions. This concert will be a celebration of these great men and their contributions to our school histories. Dr. Thomas Caneva, son of Ernest, brother of Don and Director of Bands at Ball State University, will be with us this evening to celebrate.

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the special events we have planned, including our band's performances and a private reception at the beautiful Club 9, located on the 9th floor of Orchestra Hall overlooking the lake and skyline of Chicago. This short reception will take place after the concert. It is our hope that School Board members, district and school administration and staff, feeder school teachers, private teachers, families and friends of the program will attend the concert and reception.

HERSEY family and friends should return the enclosed order form to **Scott Casagrande, John Hersey High School, 1900 E. Thomas St., Arlington Heights, IL, 60004** For more information you may contact **Scott Casagrande at 847-718-4941 or scott.casagrand@d214.org** **PLEASE RETURN THE ENCLOSED RESERVATION FLYER BEFORE FRIDAY, MARCH 5.**

LOCKPORT family and friends should return the enclosed order form to **Brian Covey, Lockport High School, 1333 E. Seventh St. Lockport, IL 60441** For more information you may contact **Brian Covey at 815-588-8494 or bcovey@lths.org** **PLEASE RETURN THE ENCLOSED RESERVATION FLYER BEFORE FRIDAY, MARCH 5.**

As always, thank you for your support of our John Hersey and Lockport Band Programs. We couldn't accomplish the great things we do without your support.

Sincerely,

Scott Casagrande
Director of Bands
John Hersey High School

Brian Covey
Director of Bands
Lockport High School